

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 725

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dave Crouch on the occasion of his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Williamson County Fair Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dave Crouch is one such estimable person who served with distinction for four years as Chairman of the Williamson County Fair Association before recently retiring from his post; and

WHEREAS, an initial supporter of the resurrection of the Williamson County Fair, which before 2005 had not been held since 1950, Mr. Crouch volunteered to guide and organize the complex endeavor of holding a county fair which had as its admirable aims gathering the diverse members of the community for socialization, educating the community on agricultural practices, and increasing the economically valuable industry of agritourism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch utilized his significant leadership skills by organizing an Executive Committee, recruiting chairmen for more than ninety committees, orchestrating the efforts of approximately 1,200 volunteers, and securing the financial sponsorships necessary to fund the fair; and

WHEREAS, in its first year after a fifty-five year hiatus, the 2005 Williamson County Fair was an immense success, attracting more than 149,000 attendees. The fair featured many popular attractions, including competitions in numerous categories, such as agriculture, livestock, pageants, 4-H, Culinary Arts, Fine Arts, Photography, 5K Run, Bluegrass, Antique Car Show, Walking Horse Show, and Open Horse Show; musical entertainment offered throughout the day and night on three different stages; free family shows and activities, including

demonstrations of historic skills and hobbies and exposés of daily agricultural life; and an exciting midway, replete with rides, contests, and games; and

WHEREAS, since its reincarnation in 2005, the Williamson County Fair's success has earned it numerous awards, including multiple first place awards in 2006 and 2007 from the International Association of Fairs and Expos and the Tennessee Association of Fairs; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Crouch's assiduous efforts on behalf of his fellow citizens and the fair's monumental success, in 2007 the *Nashville Business Journal* named him in 2007 as one of Williamson County's top twenty-five "Movers and Shapers"; and

WHEREAS, Dave Crouch also contributes his time and numerous talents to his community through his service as Alderman of the City of Franklin and as a member of the Franklin Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch is an active and devout member of the Heritage Church of Christ, which he has served faithfully as Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Dave Crouch is an active and important part of not only his community but also his profession, working for J.C. Bradford and Co., Franklin National Bank, and Prime Trust Bank before he took his current position with Raymond James Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Tammy, and his children, Charlie, Jack, and Johnny; and

WHEREAS, Dave Crouch exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Crouch for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dave Crouch for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, as we extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from the post of Chairman of the Williamson County Fair Board and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.